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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #24-6
June 20th, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on June 20th, 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 (Via Phone)
Councillor Burke
Councillor Shazia Razi
Councillor Rita Pynn

ABSENT

Deputy Mayor O'Brien

OTHERS PRESENT

Charlie Perry – Town Manager
Tiffanee Rideout – Town Clerk
Darlene Roberts – Administrative Clerk

**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

N/A

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 24-5 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour
Motion Carried



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BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST

The MARC steps PCA is signed and a meeting with the engineer will be held next week to put the tender out to the public.

Costing for the samples from the playground materials will be completed in the coming days.

The council will cost concrete and railings to install and enclose stairs from the over Plow parking to the Bill Chaplin Arena parking lot.

There will be a sign put in place at the Jean Lake Trail for Active NL in the coming weeks.

The Town will allot vacant land for storage of recreational vehicles if there is no feedback from a private entity.

The rail car removal plans in the Industrial Park are ongoing with the Town.

The extension of the lane by Rona Home Center is scheduled to start on July 2, 2024.

The lighting on Snow's Drive and Scully Drive is scheduled to be upgraded in the coming months.

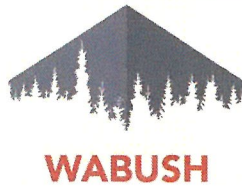
CNA has distant courses for the ECE program and if interest is high for the course in the area, they are willing to offer in class programming.

The Town Manger has contacted Hydro to request that the brush that is cut near residential housing be removed by them.

The Town of Wabush is collaborating with the Town of Labrador City to evaluate the need for public transportation in the area.

The Town is waiting for confirmation from the Government for the allocation breakdown of the sugar taxes to the area.

The Town will reach out to Churchill Falls officials to offer any help that the Town may need at this time.



ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Pynn and seconded by Councillor Razi to adopt Agenda 24-6 as presented

All in Favour
Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
FINANCE**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that Council enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Industry, Energy & Technology in the amount \$60,000.00 to enhance and upgrade the Jean Lake Trail.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

Motion Carried

The funding breakdown for the Jean Lake Trail is as follows: Town of Wabush 50,000.00, ACOA 160,000.00, 50,000.00 from the Rotary Club and 60,000.00 from the Department of Industry, Energy & Technology.

BE IT RESOLVE that Council approve the request to waive the 2024 water/sewer tax and refund 50% of the 2023 water/sewer tax for property located at 4 Railway Lane.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

Motion Carried

The property do not have proper water and sewer tie ins so taxes will be subsidized until the property is connected into the Town's water/sewer system.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the wage increase on a trial bases for Assistant Lifeguard position as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

Motion Carried



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The wage increase will help attract and retain employees. The Town will offer all volunteer life guards incentives so the Aquatics Department can offer residents more programming. The Town will not charge for courses for anyone that would like to become a lifeguard. The Town is looking into a bursary program to attract people to our aquatic programming as well. The Recreation Department will advertise the free programming in the coming days.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the wage increases for National & Senior Lifeguards as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the request to pay all civic holidays to casual employees who are covering unionized positions when the holiday is observed.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the proposal for the Live Band Entertainment for Canada Day Celebrations to Ptarmageddon in the amount of \$4300.00.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour: Mayor Barron
Councillor Razi
Councillor Battcock
Councillor Pynn
Councillor Burke

Not in Favour: Councillor Cole

Motion Carried

Councillor Cole felt that other options should be considered for next year's event. Town Manager Perry said the tenders for the concession stands were high this year and that there was only one



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band proposal. Next year the Town will look into securing a band from out of town for the Canada Day celebrations.

BE IT RESOLVED that council award the reverse tender for 6 Micheline Rock Tires to Kings Equipment Rentals LTD for \$1,394.04 including HST.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

Motion Carried

The tires from the new grader were insufficient for winter use. Town Manager Perry will put a 2-tier process in place for tenders to ensure that all details are correct for departmental needs.

BE IT RESOLVED that council award the Tender for the supply of Aggregate & Soil on Demand to Grey Rock Services Inc. for the price list attached plus HST.

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

Councillor Battcock abstained from the vote due to possible conflict of interest.

Motion Carried

This tender is for all materials for the Jean Lake Trail.

BE IT RESOLVED that council award the Tender for Rental Equipment on Demand – JLT to CK Snow clearing/Ron Gillam for a Komatsu 200 in the amount of \$169.95/hr with operator

Moved By: Councillor Burke
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

Motion Carried

The Town Manager will collaborate with CK Snow Clearing to ensure the most efficient way to complete the work on the Jean Lake Trail.



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**COMMITTEE REPORT:
PLANNING**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Crown Lands Applications 36488 approval.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve business to sell used recreational vehicles at 22 Third Avenue.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

Motion Carried

Councillor Cole entered the meeting at 5:57 pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:
POLICY**

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED Council adopt the amended Taxi Regulations as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

Motion Carried

This policy has been drafted to ensure that both communities would be fair to all companies in the area.

BE IT RESOLVED Council adopt the Surveillance Policy as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

Motion Carried



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This policy will allow a tracking system to be placed on snow clearing equipment and light fleet vehicles. The system will protect the Town's assets and the employees.

COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC WORKS

Report Attached

The First Avenue tender will be completed in 2024. The tender for Second Avenue in the industrial Park will be completed in 2025, if time allows, they will start this year.

Public Works will install 4 fire hydrants this year.

Councillor Cole would like the Town to inquire about the asphalt from the highway work to use for a trail for ATVs from Labrador City to Wabush.

Line painting for the streets will commence when all parts are available approximately June 26th, 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORT: RECREATION

Report Attached

There are 8 students hired and will begin work next week. Pending government approvals and additional funding, more students will be hired.

COMMITTEE REPORT: MEO/FIRE DEPT.

Report Attached

The Town will campaign with pamphlets and via social media to ensure all residents have clear numbering on all residential and business properties to ensure first responders are able to clearly identify addresses in case of emergencies.

Residents are reminded not to park on sidewalks to ensure public safety.

Council is concerned about residents speeding and failing to stop in intersections and will involve the RNC to help enforce the traffic violations to ensure public safety.

The new flashing stop sign for Bowater and Grenfell drive will be reinstalled when parts are received to fix the connections. These signs range in price from 2500.00 to 4000.00 per unit.



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Youths from Wabush were asked to pick up debris near the graveyard that they distributed and in doing so they took initiative to clean a wider area of the property. The council appreciates the extra effort from the youths and their parents.

The Town thanked all residents that participated in this year's clean up week initiative. Letters will be distributed to properties that need to clean up lawns in the coming days.

Speed bumps will be installed when the road sweeping is completed within the coming weeks. Extra sweeping brushes will be secured to ensure adequate stock for 2025.

TOWN MANAGER:

There is an on-going investigation by the Town to find the source of the contamination of the Town's WWTP from an oil-like substance. There are many levels of government involved in the investigation. The Town would like to remind any businesses that are connected to the Town's drainage system they are required to have an oil/water separator. No business can refuse the MEO from checking to ensure there is proper systems in place to protect the Town's assets. This will be a costly endeavor that will be passed to any business found liable for this environmental breach.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Information Package Distributed to Council)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from May 10th – June 13th, 2024, in the amount of \$ 221,232.61. With the following abstentions:

37842	Children's Wish Foundation	Mayor Barron
37831	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:

6727	Excavation	Lot 23-1 Grenfell
6728	Excavation	2 Carson
6729	Driveway	42 Bowater
6730	Accessory Building	13 Dunfield
6731	Fence	185 Grenfell
6732	Driveway	19 Carson
6733	Demolition	36 Guy
6734	Demolition	112 Grenfell
6735	Excavation	30 Grenfell

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

All in Favour
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Razi

The Town of Wabush has an emergency plan and it will be updated in the coming months to reflect changing requirements. There is no evacuation plan at this time. If the need for cooling stations are needed in Wabush the Council will secure a facility to accommodate anyone in need.

Residents are reminded to ensure they bring proper hydration to the walking trails to prevent dehydration.

The Town is costing a splash area for all residents to enjoy.

Councillor Battcock

Councillor Battcock is urging residents experiencing poor cell service from Bell Mobility to reach out to the company to express their concerns. The Town will advertise the numbers to call in the coming days. The towers in the area are insufficient and the pricing for service to our area is high and should be better quality for the residents.



Councillor Cole

Councillor Cole would like to see a mitigation plan from Tacora Resources for dust suppression.

In light of the situation in Churchill Falls the council urges residents to join the council in writing the Government to keep a permanent water bomber stationed locally.

Councillor Cole reminded residents to check the STQ website for ferry crossings this summer and plan accordingly for vacations due to the possibility of disruptions from the striking workers.

Councillor Cole congratulated the graduating class of 2024.

Councillor Burke

Councillor Burke congratulated the class of 2024 and wished all the students a great and safe summer vacation.

Mayor Barron

Mayor Barron congratulated the graduating class on behalf of the Council, and he will be attending the Grand March this evening. He recognized the great milestone in their lives and wished them the best of luck in the future.

Mayor Barron sends his condolences to the families of the late Dave Olmstead, Paul Kelly, Don Sparks, Eddie Bright, Russell Cory, Avalon Smith, and Ed Brown.

Mayor Barron attended meetings with the Minister of Transportation and the Deputy Minister of , and NL Housing. Mayor Barron would like any residents that are looking for housing in Labrador West to contact the Town Hall for data collection to send to NL Housing. Councillor Razi would like residents to send letters of support for funding to add beds to the NL Housing Coalition.

Mayor Barron would like community groups in conjunction with the area's councils to create a co-op group to lead the initiative for seniors housing in the area.

Mayor Barron reiterated that the NL Government and the Town Council do not support FIFO for the Kami Mine project and would like to see most of the workers locally sourced.



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The Town will reach out to Churchill Falls officials to offer any assistance necessary during this time.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Cole at 6:41 p.m. The next meeting will tentatively be on Thursday, July 18th or 25th, 2024 depending on vacations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

RB:TR:dr