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**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING #24-10
October 24th, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on October 24, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by Mayor Ron Barron.

**COUNCILLORS
PRESENT**

Mayor Ron Barron
Deputy Mayor O'Brien Joined at 5:50 pm
Councillor Battcock
Councillor Cole Via Phone at 6:08 pm, leaving at 6:45 pm
Councillor Razi Via Teleprompter
Councillor Pynn Via Phone
Councillor Burke Via Phone

OTHERS PRESENT

Charlie Perry – Town Manager
Tiffanee Rideout – Town Clerk
Darlene Roberts – Administrative Clerk
Brian Coleman – MNL Representative in the Gallery

Mayor Barron told residents that Brian Coleman is visiting our community to discuss seniors housing programs.

**PROCLAMATION/
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

Proclamation: October Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Pap Test Awareness Week held October 20-26, 2024.

Mayor Barron encouraged vigilance in obtaining this life saving service to the women in our community.





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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 24-9 as presented.

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

All in Favour
Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST

Report Attached

The Town Manager updated residents about the progress of the Mike Adam Recreational Complex's front step repair. The uptake of engagements for the project on the MERC system is over fifty. There are addendums to the project that will be updated causing a delay to the tender. The expected timeline for the tender award is in the spring of 2025.

The Town of Wabush has had private entities express interest in developing a secure outside storage space in the municipal boundaries.

Mayor Barron would like the Town to send a clean-up letter to Tacora Resources by the tailings line entrance to the highway for better aesthetics in the Town.

The Town Manager updated council and residents that Tacora Resources has completed one (1) permit culvert installation located on the tailings line. Q&SNL has been approved for three (3) permits that are in various stages of progress.

The Bill Chaplin Arena steps that will be from the overflow parking area down to the entrance of the Arena is still in progress. The Town reached out to two (2) separate companies to complete the project and is still waiting for a response. The Town will include this project in the 2025 Budget.

Mayor Barron would like the Town to reach out to the Government to add our Town to a list for funding a fire start program in our area.



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The Town is meeting with NL Hydro in the coming week to discuss areas of concern for the municipality.

The Town Clerk will follow up with the Town of Labrador City in the coming weeks to discuss the survey concerning obtaining public transportation for residents in the municipalities.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Battcock and seconded by Councillor Razi to adopt Agenda 24-9 as presented.

All in Favour
Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: **Report Attached** FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive interest charges on a commercial property tax account for property located on the Trans Labrador Highway in the amount of \$1,239.14.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Christmas Swimming Pass rates as presented.

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

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor O' Brien reminded residents that this rate change is done annually.



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BE IT RESOLVED that Council reverse the 2024 property taxes for property located at 4 & 6 Snows drive in the amount of \$1252.16.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

For:

Councillor Burke
Councillor Pynn

Against:

Councillor Battcock
Councillor Razi
Deputy Mayor O'Brein
Mayor Barron

Motion Defeated

Mayor Barron was against this motion because it would result in loss of revenue for the Town.

BE IT RESOLVED that council reimburse the total cost of lawn damages on the property located at 37 Snows Drive due to construction in the amount of \$1828.50.

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

Motion Carried

The damages to the property was a result of construction to the retaining wall on Snow's Drive.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve travel assistance in the amount of \$480.00 for a Youth Director to attend the MNL Conference in Gander.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Burke



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Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor O'Brein and Councillor Razi were glad that there will be a representative attending the meeting in Gander this year.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the weekend janitor rate as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

Motion Carried

The rate has been adjusted to increase recruitment opportunities for this position.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Tender for Snow Clearing Contract to CK Snow Clearing in the amount of \$177.00/hr with operator plus HST.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

Motion Carried

This tender was posted for the mandatory two (2) week period, and this was the only tender received.

PLANNING

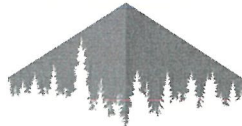
Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve Land Sale at the rear of 157 Bowater Drive Extension.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

Motion Carried

The Town will ensure the land sales will be uniform for future development plans to facilitate access for road construction. The Town will contact the Tacora Resources team to request their land sales are in line with the Town's development plans.



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BE IT RESOLVED that council approve application 151642 for Crown Land Lease.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED Council adopt the amended Waterline & Sewer Line Freeze up & Damage/Blockage as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

Motion Carried

This policy was amended to combine two (2) existing policies that would align with other municipal policies across Canada. Resident planning newly constructed homes are urged to install a back flow valve, so their properties are protected from damages in case of backups on their lines.

BE IT RESOLVED Council adopt the Snow Clearing Assistance Policy and Program as presented.

Motion Rescinded for Council to have further discussions.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Cole congratulated the Public Works department for the work completed this Month. He reminded residents that the parking ban is in effect and that the reduced speed limit from Union Street to Grenfell has been posted for residents due to the areas slippery conditions during the winter months.



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COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
RECREATION

Deputy Mayor O'Brien will bring recreation concerns to the Regional Recreation meeting that will take place on November 5. She reported that the Town will increase revenue at the Bill Chaplin Arena by charging a fee to advertise on the ice that was previously an in-kind project.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached
MEO/FIRE DEPT.

Councillor Battcock reminded residents to adhere to the reduced speed on Union Drive to Grenfell Drive. She met with the RNC Inspector and Chief for discussions and will do follow up in the coming weeks. The working alone policy is currently being reviewed to update employee protocols for continued safety.

CORRESPONDENCE (Information Package Distributed to Council)

Councillor Pynn, Town Manager, and the Planning Department supervisor will be attending the MNL conference in the coming weeks.

Mayor Barron encouraged councillors to put forth a motion to spear head a project to obtain senior housing in the area. The Town would like the project to construct 20 to 25 new units for our municipality. Mayor Barron was concerned that the lack of government offices in the area to assist our municipality is a major factor in the inability to obtain government assistance on such projects.

Mayor Barron urged residents to attend the peaceful rally at the Wabush Airport on Saturday October 26 at 11:00 am in protest of increases in airline ticket prices in the Labrador area. Mayor Barron and Mayor Adams of Labrador City have attended meetings concerning the 47% increase and will continue to meet with the airlines to request fair pricing in the area and stability in scheduled flights.



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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Report Attached

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from September 12 - October 11, 2024, in the amount of \$1,330,550.71 with the following abstentions:

38193	NTR	Mayor Barron
38243	NTR	Mayor Barron

Moved By: Councillor Razi
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

All in Favour

Mayor Barron
Councillor Battcock
Councillor Cole
Councillor Pynn
Councillor Razi

Against

Deputy Mayor O'Brien

Motion Carried

PERMITS:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Following permits:

6785	Excavation	Mile 3242 N
6787	Fence	27 Shea
6788	Excavation	Lot 21-2/208 Scully
6789	Excavation	Wabush Narrows
6790	Excavation	64 Cabot
6791	Accessory Building	64 Cabot
6792	Front Deck	30 Bond



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6793	Excavation	6 Grenfell
6794	Excavation	Lot 22-5
6795	Accessory Building	101 Grenfell
6796	Excavation	1 Frist Street

Moved by: Councillor Pynn
Seconded by: Councillor O'Brein

All in Favour
Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor O'Brein reminded residents that this resolution excludes permit 6786 from its sequencing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deputy Mayor O'Brein:

Deputy Mayor O'Brien would like the Town to look into options to heat the observation bleacher areas that will not interfere with the quality of the ice surface area.

Deputy Mayor O'Brien was also glad that Colin Coleman from MNL is in to meet with Council to address the areas housing crises.

Deputy Mayor O'Brien reminded residents to check on the Town's Facebook page for dates and times of the upcoming Halloween skating parties.

Councillor Battcock:

Councillor Battcock requested an update on the lighting project on the Jean Lake Trail. The update included the completion of 15 poles, and 8 lights. The project was delayed by the company installing the lights due to staff shortage. The project will be completed in the coming days.



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Councillor Razi:

Councillor Razi commended small businesses in the area for their time and effort, and was glad to see them flourish in the area.

Councillor Razi requested an update on upcoming Regional Christmas activities. Deputy Mayor O' Brien and the Town Manager will update council after the November 5th meeting. Councillor Cole commended Billy Kettle for his early start on the Town's Christmas float. Councillor Razi reminded residents about the mandatory helmet policy at the Bill Chaplin Arena.

Councillor Cole:

Councillor Cole informed residents that a new recycling fee was announced for small appliances that will range from \$ 0.90 to \$ 7.00. He would like the council to speak with the MHA to advocate for removal of the recycling fee as it is causing hardship on the residents.

Councillor Cole informed residents travelling to Quebec about the construction/paving from Fire Lake towards Fermont. There is 42 Km remaining until this highway is fully paved.

Councillor Cole informed the public that three (3) Starlink installations have been completed along the Baie Comeau highway. He would like for the Newfoundland Government to install Starlink along Coastal Drive in Labrador.

Councillor Cole wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween.

The Town Manager thanked NL Hydro for repairing all the street lights throughout Town in preparation for the children trick or treating.

Mayor Barron:

Mayor Ron Barron informed residents and Council that Councillor Burke will be attending a meeting with Provincial



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Airlines, organized by Yvonne Jones to address the best and most affordable service to our residents.

Mayor Barron asked residents to support our local businesses to continue to see new businesses come in the area.

Mayor Barron and Council send their condolences to the families of the Late Len Greely, Elain Lawrence, Phil Hatch, Albert Wheeler, Wince Gill, Dougal MacWilliams, and Alvin Cluett. They will not be forgotten and will be missed.

Mayor Barron reminded everyone to be mindful of the children out this Halloween, and to drive slower.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Battcock at 6:51 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 21, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk

RB:TR:dr