



**WABUSH**

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING #25-2  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**TIME AND PLACE**

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on February 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Mayor Ron Barron.

**COUNCILLORS  
PRESENT**

Mayor Ron Barron  
Deputy Mayor O'Brien  
Councillor Cole  
Councillor Razi  
Councillor Pynn  
Councillor Battcock

**ABSENT**

Councillor Burke

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**PROCLAMATION/  
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 25-1, 25-02S, and 25-02S1 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Battcock  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour  
Motion Carried



## **BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST**

### **Report Attached**

The tender process for the MARC steps has concluded. The Town will now enter bid discussions with MPA. Additionally, the Town is committed to exploring all options to enhance accessibility at the MARC. The Minex event was a success, and the Town extends its gratitude to the Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in constructing the temporary steps for the occasion.

The survey to gauge interest in public transit will be available soon and will be accessible for all residents to participate.

A senior's session will be available at CONA in the upcoming weeks aimed at assisting residents in understanding rapidly changing technological advancements. This course is designed to aid seniors in identifying fraudulent online activities.

Memorial is undertaking a comprehensive needs assessment for affordable housing within the region. The Town has partnered with Nova Survey Company to formulate plans for senior housing, utilizing funds from the 2025 Budget allocated for professional services. The Town actively encourages housing developers to collaborate with the council regarding development opportunities in the area. Additionally, the Town seeks to engage a non-profit organization to lead the establishment of a cooperative for senior housing development. NL Hydro has been informed of the increasing demand for additional services in our community. The Town is committed to identifying further housing development areas to address the escalating need for affordable housing. Minex has underscored the housing requirements for the region during their recent exhibition at the MARC.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Razi to adopt Agenda 25-2 as presented.

All in Favour  
Motion Carried





**COMMITTEE REPORT:      Report Attached**  
**FINANCE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the request to rent the gymnasium to a non-profit organization at a discounted rate.

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

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

Councillor Razi abstained due to conflict of interest.

Policy Committee is in the process of formulating a comprehensive policy that will establish clear guidelines for non-profit organizations seeking approval for rate discounts, thereby eliminating the need to await council resolutions.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council deny the request from a wholesale business to be moved from Business tax Group 3 to Business Tax Group 4.

Moved By: Councillor Razi  
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The Group Classification establishes the proportion of tax revenue generated from a business. If the wholesale business disagrees with the Council's decision, it has the right to appeal this resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the reverse tender for the town assets as presented.

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

All in Favour  
Motion Carried



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The 1984 Pumper Truck is the asset that will be sold.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the request to rent the bowling alley to a user group at a discounted rate.

Moved By: Councillor Razi  
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the request to donate the pool and party room to Northern Lights Swim Club for their annual Swim for Hope fundraiser.

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

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

This is an annual event hosted by the Northern Lights Swim Club.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the lost wages for Mayor Ron Barron to attend council matters for the month of January in the amount of \$260.29.

Moved By: Councillor Razi  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

Mayor Barron abstained due to conflict of interest

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

## PLANNING

### Report Attached

The Planning Department has projects forthcoming.





**COMMITTEE REPORT:     Report Attached**  
**POLICY**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council agrees to have the regular monthly council meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month for the 2025 calendar year.

Moved By: Councillor Razi  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

This motion is required under the Municipalities act.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:     Report Attached**  
**PUBLIC WORKS**

Councillor Cole urged residents to enroll in the Town's Emergency Broadcast System to obtain critical emergency updates. The registration link is prominently featured at the top of the Town of Wabush's Facebook page, [www.labradorwest.com](http://www.labradorwest.com), and will also be included with the 2025 tax bills.

Reid Street is currently experiencing a water main break that presents significant challenges, particularly as it impacts the Water Tower and necessitates isolation within the main pit. The Town is committed to ensuring that fire suppression capabilities remain unaffected during this process. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause and are dedicated to addressing residential concerns as they arise. This repair will be treated as a top priority, and the widening of streets due to snow accumulation will begin promptly upon completion of the repair.

The aging infrastructure of the town will be systematically repaired as required and strategically replaced when necessary to effectively manage budget overruns.  
The new dump truck will be delivered in the coming weeks.



Town Manager Charlie Perry has urged the business responsible for the contamination of the Sewer Plant to come forward. The Government, Coast Guard, and Environmental authorities are currently investigating the source of the contamination and will hold the accountable company responsible for the cleanup costs. Service NL will perform dye tests to identify the drains connected to the Town's infrastructure. It is mandatory for businesses to install oil-water separators in their drainage systems if there is a risk of toxic chemicals entering the Town's sewer system. This situation has the potential to impose costs exceeding \$50,000 on taxpayers for mitigation efforts. The Municipal Enforcement Officer (MEO) is in the process of issuing notices to all businesses in the vicinity.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:    Report Attached**  
**RECREATION**

The Recreation Department will conduct a collaborative monthly meeting with the Town of Labrador City moving forward. Deputy Mayor O'Brien expressed gratitude to the Winter Carnival Committee for their dedicated efforts, as well as to the Recreation Department for their diligent maintenance of the facilities and outdoor ice rink. Councillor Cole urged residents to take advantage of the outdoor ice rink.

The accessibility button at the Bill Chaplin Arena is scheduled for repair in the near future.

The gymnasium at the MARC will reopen when the floor has been re-waxed after hosting Minex.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:    Report Attached**  
**MEO/FIRE DEPT.**

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

Town Manager Charlie Perry's name was submitted to PMA for his 10-year service award.





Councillor Battcock participated in a virtual Small Towns Round Table, where it was announced that templates will be provided to communities for the purpose of amending Regulations into By-Laws. Additionally, the Town is in the process of procuring the necessary election materials in preparation for the upcoming Municipal Elections.

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

### **Report Attached**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from January 16- February 14, 2025, in the amount of \$521,068.76 with the following abstentions:

38577 Children's Wish Foundation Mayor Barron  
38554 Dexter Institute Councillor Battcock

Moved By: Councillor Razi  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The Dexter Institute provides safety training for management and staff.

The Town hired Parrott Survey to develop online GIS for infrastructure water valve location.

## **PERMITS:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the Following permits:

6802	Interior Renovations	5 Squires
6803	Interior Renovations	D Grenfell
6804	Occupancy	9 First Ave

Moved by: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor O'Brien

All in Favour  
Motion Carried



D Grenfell Drive is the Wabush Shopping Plaza's address. Permit 6803 is for interior renovations for a new Dental Office Space.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Councillor Razi:**

Councillor Razi would like the Town to request government to put proper signage up for the Advanced Skills & Development office located in the Wabush Shopping Center.

### **Councillor Cole:**

Councillor Cole advocates for the Town to implement electronic and hybrid voting systems for Municipal Elections. This initiative aims to enhance engagement among younger voters and those with mobility challenges.

### **Mayor Barron:**

Mayor Ron Barron sends his deepest condolences to the families of the Late Bill Dowding, Pat Hynes, Sonia Adams, Shawn Paul, and Becky Squire.

Mayor Barron thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their help with Minex that was held at the MARC. This was very well received by everyone and was a remarkable success.





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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Razi at 6:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ron Barron  
Mayor

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Tiffanee Rideout  
Town Clerk

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