



**WABUSH**

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING #25-3  
March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**TIME AND PLACE**

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on March 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Ron Barron.

**COUNCILLORS  
PRESENT**

Mayor Ron Barron  
Deputy Mayor O'Brien  
Councillor Cole  
Councillor Burke (Via Phone)  
Councillor Pynn  
Councillor Battcock

**ABSENT**

Councillor Razi

**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 25-2 as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour  
Motion Carried



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## **BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST**

### **Report Attached**

The MARC tender is currently pending approval from Provincial and Municipal Affairs and will commence immediately upon receipt of such approval. Town Manager Charlie Perry will assess the status of the approval on Monday.

The request to source wood chips for the town playgrounds will be removed from the action list as this item was not included in this year's budget. Council agreed to revisit this item later.

The survey aimed at assessing residents' interest in public transportation within the area is available on the official Facebook page of the Town of Wabush.

The College of the North Atlantic has officially announced its new programming for the current year. The mayor is interested in arranging a meeting with the president of the College to explore potential program opportunities for the region.

The Town of Wabush will engage in a collaborative effort with the Town of Labrador City to research cost comparisons for the emergency broadcasting systems for the region.

The Town Clerk will conduct a thorough investigation into feasible options for implementing a hybrid voting system for the forthcoming municipal election.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Pynn to adopt Agenda 25-3 as presented.

All in Favour  
Motion Carried



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

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to adjust a recreation account as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

This motion requests a billing adjustment due to an identified billing error.

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to donate \$250.00 to the LWMHA for the U18 Provincial Championship Tournament.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Battcock

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the lost wages for Mayor Ron Barron to attend council matters for the month of February in the amount of \$332.37.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

Mayor Barron abstained due to conflict of interest.

BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to the donation requests from the LWMHA & LWMH parents club for free swims, free bowling and a free movie night at the MARC for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Bill Chaplin Hockey Tournament.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole





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All in Favour  
Motion Carried

Mayor Barron welcomed Bill Chaplin's family for attending the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary hockey tournament.

BE IT RESOLVED that council rescind the previous motion to adopt the 2025 Budget as presented.

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

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The 2025 budget had to be amended to exclude Capital Projects as per Provincial and Municipal Affairs.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wabush in accordance with provisions of Section 84 (1) of the Towns and Local Service District Act, adopt the AMENDED 2025 Budget as presented by the Finance and Administration Committee showing total revenues of \$12,276,269 and total expenditures of \$12,276,269 for a balanced budget.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that council award the Tender for the Supply of Snow Clearing Services for the Snow Clearing Assistance program to CK Snow Clearing in the amount of \$177.00/hr. plus HST.

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

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

This is a new program designed to remove the wing row from seniors driveways. Seniors are encouraged to apply.



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## **PLANNING**

### **Report Attached**

The mayor will participate in meetings in St. John's to discuss matters related to Crown Lands, the expansion of cottage development, and housing development in the region. Mayor Barron invites any development companies to engage with the town council to explore new development opportunities in the area.

Currently, there are three bids for the vacant lots located on Snow's Drive. All bidders must submit development proposals for the lots if their bids are below the market value of the properties. It is important to note that the lots on Snow's Drive are not guaranteed to be serviced, and the purchaser will be responsible for all costs associated with the servicing.

Town Manager Perry provided an update to the council regarding the senior development project. He indicated that the planning phase for the development is scheduled to commence next week.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICY**

### **Report Attached**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council adopt the amended Donation Policy as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Pynn  
Seconded By: Councillor Burke

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The policy has been revised to enhance clarity and transparency in the process of soliciting donations from the Town.





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

Councillor Cole expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Public Works Department over the past month. The new dump truck is presently in St. John's for assembly, and the company will deliver it upon completion.

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

The Deputy Mayor expressed gratitude to all individuals who contributed to the success of the Winter Carnival, noting the overwhelming positive feedback received regarding the various events.

The winter swim lessons concluded one week earlier than scheduled due to circumstances that limited building capacity. However, participants will receive compensation for the disruption in programming. Registration for the spring session will begin next week.

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

Town Manager Perry advised residents and private contractors that any obstruction of the town's infrastructure will result in penalties. Notably, fines associated with fire hydrants and manholes will be elevated due to the critical safety concerns for residents.

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

The Town intends to participate in the SAM meetings next year to secure additional networking opportunities at a larger trade show. The Town will allocate budgetary resources for this initiative in 2026.



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**ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE:**

**Report Attached**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from February 15- March 13, 2025, in the amount of \$621,048.72 with the following abstentions:

|       |                  |                     |
|-------|------------------|---------------------|
| 38596 | Dexter Institute | Councillor Battcock |
| 38616 | Dexter Institute | Councillor Battcock |
| 38623 | Labrador Motors  | Mayor Barron        |

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The municipality will withhold a portion of the payment until the new dump truck is delivered. This procedure is a standard practice in the procurement of equipment.

**PERMITS:**

**No Permits**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councillor Cole:**

Councillor Cole cautioned residents regarding the declining condition of the roadways on the Baie Comeau Highway and recommended exercising caution while traveling.

Councillor Cole advised residents that the Miramachi Bridge remains accessible for travelers. Additionally, he advised residents to secure ferry tickets in advance of their journey, citing potential disruptions due to rolling strikes and concerns regarding boat availability.



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**Mayor Barron:**

Mayor Barron extends his heartfelt condolences to the families of the late Cavalle Burke, Frank Conway, Robert Shears, John Kingston, Danny Power, and Adrien McCarthy.

Mayor Barron is seeking the council's support for the legacy program, which aims to allocate a portion of funds from new projects to municipalities facing financial challenges.

Mayor Barron urged residents to exercise patience regarding the ongoing street widening initiatives undertaken by the Public Works Department. The progress has been hindered by mechanical challenges with equipment and complications arising from water break repair efforts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Cole at 6:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 17, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron  
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout  
Town Clerk

RB:TR:dr