



**WABUSH**

**WABUSH TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING #25-5  
May 15<sup>th</sup> , 2025**

**TIME AND PLACE**

A meeting of the Wabush Town Council was held on May 15, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Mayor Ron Barron.

**COUNCILLORS  
PRESENT**

Mayor Ron Barron  
Councillor Burke – Via Phone  
Councillor Cole  
Councillor Razi  
Councillor Pynn  
Deputy Mayor O'Brien

**ABSENT**

Councillor Battcock

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tiffanee Rideout – Town Clerk  
Darlene Roberts – Administrative Clerk

**PROCLAMATION/  
VISITORS/PETITIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Be it so moved and seconded that Council approve minutes 25-4, 25-4S as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Cole  
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour  
Motion Carried



## **BUSINESS ARISING ACTION LIST**

### **Report Attached**

Councillor Pynn and Tiffanee Rideout engaged in a meeting with Noreen Careen from the local senior group to discuss potential courses aimed at advocating for the college to introduce educational programs for seniors. They plan to reconvene in the upcoming weeks to follow up with Seniors NL regarding the programs they offer.

The NL government has cancelled the sugar tax program.

The Council is committed to advocating for the government to reinstate water bombers in the region. Additionally, the Council will extend an invitation to local fire department officials to engage in discussions regarding the Fire Smart Program and other wildfire mitigation strategies.

The Council will engage with the Town of Labrador City to inquire about the current status of the public transit survey conducted in the area. The Association of New Canadians has articulated the necessity for this service.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Razi to adopt Agenda 25-5 as presented.

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

## **COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE**

### **Report Attached**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council agrees to waive the 2025 property taxes for the property located at 8 Union Drive in the amount of \$4,132.70.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Cole

All in Favour  
Motion Carried



**BE IT RESOLVED** that council approve the donation request for the use of the Bowling Alley for the FACT Self Care Group at a discounted rate of 50%.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

This event aims to enhance awareness of mental health and was deemed a success in the previous year.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council deny the donation request for the Terry Fox Foundation for the Finish it Campaign as it is not local to Labrador West.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council approve the request to reverse the outstanding taxes on a business account that are deemed uncollectable.

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

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

This motion represents a standard accounting procedure that is essential for compliance and operational integrity.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council reverse the interest charges on two property tax accounts as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi





All in Favour  
Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORT: Report Attached**  
**PLANNING**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council approve the land bids received for lot numbers 8, 10, 12, 16, and 18 Snows Drive as presented.

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

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

The properties located on Snow's Drive have received government approval for a 75% discount. The Planning Department is scheduled to convene in order to formulate a strategy ensuring that all newly acquired land is assigned a development timeline.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council approve the land bid received for 18 Squire Avenue as presented.

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

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the updated policies to follow the new Towns and Local Service District Act as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Razi  
Seconded By: Councillor Pynn

All in Favour  
Motion Carried



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

The Town is pleased to announce its annual Clean-Up Week, scheduled from May 26 to June 6, 2025. In addition to roadside large item pick-up, the Town will provide complimentary towing services for vehicles and snowmobiles. Large roll-off bins will be available for residents to dispose of items conveniently. These bins will be located at the Wabush snow dump near the Legion, Jean Lake parking area, Pump House Road, and at the end of Guy Street.

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

The Bill Chaplin Arena has extended its operating hours this year, receiving substantial positive feedback from the Councillors and residents.

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

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

The Council intends to schedule a meeting with Tacora Resources to review their mitigation strategies for dust suppression for the current year.

**ACCOUNTS**  
**PAYABLE:**

**Report Attached**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Wabush approves Accounts Payable Listing from April 16 - May 8, 2025, in the amount of \$ 277,984.43.

Moved By: Councillor Burke  
Seconded By: Councillor Razi

All in Favour  
Motion Carried



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### PERMITS:

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

6809	Election Signs	Town of Wabush
6810	Election Signs	Town of Wabush
6811	Snow Dump	Town Snow Dump
6812	Demolition	4 Reid Street

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

All in Favour  
Motion Carried

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### **Deputy Mayor O'Brien:**

The Labrador West Rowing Association announced a partnership with Iron Rock Brewery for the upcoming Regatta Day event. Iron Rock will host a row-a-thon fundraiser on May 31, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This event aims to promote the sport of rowing and encourage community members and local businesses to engage and rekindle interest in the local Regatta.

The Policy Committee will convene to discuss the new Anti-Litter Policy with the aim of clarifying its language. Some residents have expressed confusion regarding the policy's provisions. The Council would like to remind residents that this policy was established to assist the town in enforcing compliance among property owners who may have unsightly items in front of their properties, which could potentially devalue neighboring properties. Furthermore, this policy aims to maintain a clean environment and encourages residents to show respect towards their neighbors. The Council is empowered to enforce this policy under the New Town and Local Service District Act, providing the necessary authority to uphold its regulations. Residents are invited to reach out to the Town Office for clarification on any aspects of the policy they may find unclear or disagree with.





The Town will have a contest during clean up week for residents and businesses. The details of the contest will be posted on the Town of Wabush Facebook page and the local community channel in the coming days.

**Councillor Cole:**

Councillor Cole advocates for residents and the council to collaborate with other town councils in Labrador to participate in a plebiscite aimed at separating from Newfoundland. The Newfoundland Government has excluded air travel discounts for Labrador, which were introduced on the Island portion of the province to promote tourism.

**Mayor Barron:**

Mayor Barron extends his heartfelt condolences to the families of the late Marg Aylward, Donna Gill, Brian Collins, Helen Dalton, and Marion Smith.

Mayor Barron requests that the administration ensure the inclusion of HOWL radio operators in the Town's emergency plan. This group plays a crucial role in the emergency response efforts for the area.

The Council extends its congratulations to the graduates of 2025. Mayor Barron has offered complimentary driving services to students in need. For assistance, please contact him at 709-944-4945.

Mayor Barron extends his congratulations to the newly elected Member of Parliament for Labrador, Philip Earle, and expresses eagerness to engage in discussions regarding efforts to lobby the government for increased airline services to the region. He also acknowledges the contributions of former MP Yvonne Jones during her tenure and wishes her well in her retirement.



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## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting was called to adjournment by Councillor Cole at 6:24 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 19, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Barron  
Mayor

Tiffanee Rideout  
Town Clerk

RB:TR:dr